

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 6
POLLUTION REPORT**

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Subject: R&H Oil Company, Inc.
403 Somerset Road, San Antonio, TX

POLREP No.: 2

Reporting Period:

Start Date: 8/13/2001

Mob Date: 8/13/2001

Completion Date:

CERCLIS ID #: TXD057577579

RCRIS ID #: TXD057577579

Site #: 06FR

D.O. #:

Response Authority: CERCLA

Response Type: TC

NPL Status: Non NPL

Incident Category: Removal Action

Contract #

Site Description

The R&H Oil Company, Inc. Site (hereinafter the "Site") is an abandoned used oil processing facility. The facility ceased operation in approximately 1992. The property has been used for various petroleum refining and used oil processing operations since approximately 1934. This Site and the adjacent Tropicana Energy Company, Inc. (hereinafter known as "Tropicana") Site have some common historical owner/operator(s) and as such may also share in a portion of the environmental contamination located on the two sites. The Site consists of 28 Aboveground Storage Tanks (ASTs), extensive refining equipment and piping, separator, sump, and other drums and containers. The key problem areas of the Site include containerized used oil, used oil sludge, corrosive liquids, used oil contaminated water; miscellaneous containerized materials; visible soil contamination; and, asbestos containing materials (ACM) on tanks, piping, equipment, and within buildings. In addition, ground water contamination located on the Tropicana Site is believed to be associated with current and historical spills from operations located on these two Sites.

Current Activities

Since mobilizing to the site on August 13, 2001, the EPA and its contractors have conducted site preparation activities; awarded subcontracts for asbestos abatement, demolition, and disposal; and, have opened all tanks with a pneumatic nibbler in an attempt to visually inspect the materials, and determine the appropriate disposal sequence. Additionally, the asbestos abatement contractor initiated asbestos abatement activities on August 21, 2001 and is expected to be

completed by August 29, 2001. The EPA Border Contractor is providing oversight and third party air monitoring to insure compliance with federal and state regulations associated with asbestos abatement.

Planned Removal Actions

The planned removal activities for the Site include the removal/disposal of ACM; removal/disposal of materials in tanks, piping, equipment and other miscellaneous containers; demolition of tanks, piping, and equipment; and, removal/disposal of visibly contaminated soils.

Next Steps

The next steps will include completing the asbestos abatement activities; initiating waste disposal; and, initiating demolition of tanks, piping, and equipment. The demolition activities will supplement the removal of the materials from the tanks, piping, and equipment as well as allow visual/field identification of contaminated soils.

Key Issues

This Site is generating a significant amount of community interest in part due to the wide spread ground water contamination resulting from chlorinated solvent releases from Kelly Air Force Base. This Site is located less than 1/4 mile from Kelly Air Force Base. Preliminary sampling of monitoring wells located on the Tropicana Site show free hydrocarbon products floating on the shallow ground water. Additional investigations will be necessary to determine the exact constituents and the extent of the plume. This Site including the Tropicana Site was proposed to the National Priorities List (NPL) on June 14, 2001.

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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